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\*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Welcome** Pastor Lee

**Announcements** Terri Hudak

**\*Praise and Worship**

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| "He Has Made Me Glad"         | TFWS # 2270 |
| "I've Got Peace Like a River" | TFWS # 2145 |
| "Into My Heart"               | TFWS # 2160 |
|                               | Pastor Lee  |

**Words to Ponder**

Just when we're about to dismiss ourselves or someone else, Jesus dignifies our lives with a touch, with healing power, and with the assurance that God is very near.

**Call to Worship** Terri Hudak

In you, oh God, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and rescue me. Incline your ear to me, and save me!**

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**Upon you have I leaned from my birth. It was you who took me from my mother's womb. Your praise is continually on my lips.**

**Opening Prayer (in unison)** Terri Hudak

**Come, der Christ, into this house of worship and into every longing heart. Some who gather here need healing. Touch us, and give us strength. Many feel confused by the news of the day. Quiet our minds, and help us place our trust in you. Many of us doubt ourselves and question our purpose. Call us anew to be instruments of your grace for a world that yearns to know your peace. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** "Spirit Song" UMH # 347

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ** Pastor Lee

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**Prayer of Illumination** Terri Hudak

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

**\*Scripture Reading** **Genesis 22:1-19** Terri Hudak

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>2</sup>Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." <sup>3</sup>Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup>He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup>When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>12</sup>"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." <sup>13</sup>Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram<sup>[a]</sup> caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." <sup>15</sup>The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup>and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." <sup>19</sup>Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba.

**Reflecting on God's Message** "True Worshipper" Pastor Lee

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Lee

**Lord's Prayer**

**We Respond to the Word**

**Invitation of the Offering** Pastor Lee

The Spirit of God works through us, speaking hope through our words. The mercy of Christ works within us, healing neighbors through our actions in Christ's name. Now let us freely give of our time, treasure, and talent for the work of God's church in the world.

**Offertory Anthem**

Harlan Otter

**\*Doxology**

UMH #95

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**  
Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**Offering Prayer**

**Generous God, you have blessed us throughout our lives. Take these offerings, and every gift we give, and use them to show others the breadth of your unfailing love. Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

Pastor Lee

**We Reach Out to the World**

**\*Sending Hymn**

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

UMH # 349

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Lee & Congregation

Stand tall and walk in Christ’s peace.  
**Speak up and tell of God’s goodness.**  
Touch and heal with the Spirit’s love, today and always.  
**Amen.**

**Postlude**

Harlan Otter

**Event Announcements:**

- **All Liturgists Meeting: August 4** (Sunday) following the service, in the sanctuary.
- Pastor’s Continuing Education: August 12 – 18 (Monday through Sunday) at Bible Korean UMC, Long Island, NY. Pastor is attending the Korean UMC Pastor’s Retreat. Chuck Samson will deliver the message on August 18.
- **Worship Team Meeting: August 25** (Sunday) following the service, in the sanctuary.
- Coffee with Pastor Lee: August 20 and 27 (Tuesdays) 12:00 – 2:00PM Panera Bread
- Ice Cream with Pastor Lee: August 24, 3:00PM at Tasty Waves 7 Main Street, New Milford.

# Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



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**8.04.2024 | 9:00 am**

***You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.***

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